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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Elizabeth TOURNIER-LASSERVE et al.) Group Art Unit: 1637
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Application No.: 10/019,434) Examiner: Strzelecka, Teresa E.
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Filed: May 7, 2002) Confirmation No.: 4231
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For: USE OF THE KRIT1 GENE IN THE)
FIELD OF ANGIOGENESIS)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REPLY TO REQUIREMENT FOR INFORMATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.105

Applicants now reply to the Requirement for Information under 37 C.F.R. § 1.105 mailed March 7, 2005. Because the Requirement did not identify a period for reply, Applicants submit that the current reply is timely filed within the six month statutory period, and no extension of time fee is required. See M.P.E.P. § 710.

The Office styled the Requirement for Information as four interrogatories regarding an abstract by Laberge et al. published in 1998 in the *European Journal of Human Genetics*, Volume 6, Supplement 1, at page 146 ("Laberge et al."). This abstract was filed with the Information Disclosure Statement on February 14, 2002.

The Office, noting that this abstract seemed to be an abstract of a poster or talk presented at a meeting, requested the following information:

- a) the meeting title, date, and location;

- b) whether the presentation was a talk or a poster;
- c) if the abstract corresponded to a poster, the Office requested copies of the poster; and
- d) if the abstract corresponded to a talk, the Office inquired whether paper copies were given to participants.

Laberge et al. corresponded to a poster presented at the 30th Annual Meeting of the European Society of Human Genetics. This meeting was held in Lisbon, Portugal, from May 10 to May 13, 1998.

Applicants preserved no original or copy of the poster, and are not aware of any original or copy of the poster that currently exists.

Applicants submit that there was no indication concerning the gene *Krit1* in the poster, because the *Krit1* gene had not been identified as of May, 1998.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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